GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2862
ANSWERED ON:10.05.2006
DISTRICT PANCHAYAT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE AT VILLAGE LEVEL
Bhakta Shri Manoranjan

Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up District Panchayat Administrative Service to ensure effective implementation of developmental programmes at the village level;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. While the Union Government has no such proposal in mind, it was agreed in the First Round Table of Panchayati Raj Ministers held in Kolkata on 24-25 July, 2004 that : `With a view to building a cadre of officials and technocrats specialized in the devolved functions of the Panchayati Raj Institutions, State Governments/UT Administrations may consider instituting a Panchayati Raj Administrative and Technical Service, with the State Government discontinuing further recruitment of staff to State services for such devolved functions.` As such no time limit has been or can be prescribed for States to establish District level Panchayati Raj Administrative and Technical Services.